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Food waste service to begin in county

MORE than 120,000 households will be able to recycle their food waste in the new year through a new service being launched by local authorities in January.

Figures have revealed leftovers and out-of-date food accounted for around 30 per cent of the refuse sent to landfill in Northamptonshire.

In the New Year, every home in Northampton and Daventry will be able to put out their food waste for a weekly collection on their regular recycling day.

Figures show that in Northampton food waste makes up 43 per cent of the rubbish in our bins.

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, said: "Food waste is the smelliest element of most people's bins and now we will be collecting it every week.

"This is a real step forward that gives us all a chance to prevent thousands of tonnes of waste being sent to landfill in our county each year. We will also see how much food we waste and be able to do something to save the money that is costing us too."

Every household will receive two food waste bins, a small caddy that can be kept in the kitchen and filled with waste that can be emptied into the outdoor bin, and a larger, 23-litre bin with a lockable lid that can be kept outdoors.

Bin deliveries will begin on January 16 and the first food collection will take place on January 23.

The service will then be gradually phased in between January and March, with each household receiving their bins a week before the service begins in their area.

The food bin can be lined with newspaper or compostable corn-starched liners, that are available in shops.

It has a lockable lid that keeps smells in, pests out and prevents spillage.

It is hoped the scheme will reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, where it rots and produces methane – which contributes to climate change – and it will reduce the amount of landfill tax the county has to pay.

Food waste collected as part of the new service will be recycled at an anaerobic digestion plant in Kettering where it will be turned into electricity and fertiliser.

Information booklets will be distributed to households in early January to explain more about the service.

They will include the 2012 waste and recycling collection calendar.

Some households will have a change to their collection day in the new year.

A weekly doorstep textile collection will also be introduced from the week beginning January 16.

For details visit www.northampton.gov.uk

Young Noah Holt, aged 4, was drafted in to help promote the new waste bin system

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Rail users hit by fare rise

THE chairman of the Northampton Rail Users Group has condemned the latest rail price rises as 'Alice in Wonderland economics'.

It was yesterday revealed train fares would rise by an average of six per cent next year, meaning the cost of an annual season ticket from Northampton to London Euston will be more than £4,750, a rise of around £300 on this year.

Chairman of the group, Northampton South MP Brian Binley, said the continual rises would drive commuters away from Northampton and force rail users onto the roads.

He said: "It is crazy. To anyone who commutes from Northampton to London and earns less than £30,000; take away tax and National Insurance, it means their rail fare will cost about 20 per cent of their entire income.

"Yet they want Northampton to build new houses to provide houses for those people who work in the service industry but can't afford to live in London. It is Alice in Wonderland economics."

Mr Binley also called for an end to "clever" sales offers for buying tickets in advance and instead introduce a standard rail fare that passengers understand.

He added: "This comes from a Government that wants people to use trains instead of cars. I'd like them to recognise they need to sort out the great mystery of rail fares to the ordinary consumer to ensure we have a standard fare that is sensible and equitable and encourages people to use the railways."

Chris Groome, of Travel-Watch East Midlands, said the rise could have been "a lot worse".

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The Northampton CCTV control centre . . . jobs could go next year and some cameras switched off the year after that

'Plans could open door to more crime'

RESIDENTS say proposals to switch-off a number of CCTV cameras and axe funding for PCSOs could mean it is "opening the door" to more crime in Northampton.

Northampton Borough Council's leaders revealed they were considering cutting £39,000 from CCTV funding next year followed by the possible switching off of some cameras in 2013, saving a total of just under £110,000. They also plan to remove £100,000 funding for Police Community Support Officers.

Those cuts, coupled with Northamptonshire County Council's decision earlier this year to switch off half of the area's street lights, have prompted concerns of a potentially spiralling crime rate as offenders take advantage of the lack of security measures.

Tony Mallard, chairman of Northampton Federation of Residents' Associations, said: "We were saying at a meeting on Wednesday night that some people now say they don't want to go out in the dark at all, which is terrible. It's not just fear of crime but that a cyclist will ride into you or something in the dark.

"Switching off CCTV would make it worse. Unfortunately the world we live in means CCTV cameras are necessary for people's security. If they were needed when they were installed then how will they now be able to take them away? It's opening the door to more crime, in my opinion."

The street light switch-off, aimed at saving the county council £2million, has angered large sections of the public. The possibility of axing part of the town's extensive CCTV camera network has been met with fury by many residents who have seen their streets plunged into darkness.

Parents concerned about 'super centre'

PARENTS of disabled children who use a respite care centre in Duston have expressed strong concerns about plans to close it and replace it with a new "super centre".

Northamptonshire County Council's cabinet approved plans to invest in a £1 million upgrade of the John Greenwood Shipman Centre in Thorplands. The project will see the Thorplands building converted into the main respite centre for young disabled people in Northampton from 2013, leading to the closure of the Camelot Way centre in Duston.

Melanie Day, whose son uses Camelot Way, told councillors: "It's been an absolute lifeline for us and I know it is for other families too."

She was backed by Suzanne Dunkley whose son also uses Camelot way. She said: "It's a fantastic place which provides peace of mind for families. So why take it away?"

The move will save the county council and the NHS about £300,000 a year.

Report on school heads

THE issue of dwindling headteacher numbers in Northamptonshire is being prioritised in a new report into the future of the county's education system. Headteacher recruitment is one of nine key areas earmarked for improvement in a draft "strategy for learning", which has been unveiled this by Northamptonshire County Council.

Winter sport at centre

WINTER sports activities will be available for youngsters at Daventry Leisure Centre over the Christmas holidays. Sports, including football, touch rugby, athletics, tennis and hockey, are available alongside activities including giant board games and Nintendo Wii games consoles. To book a place call 01327 302350 or email aleguevel@daventrydc.gov.uk

Day off for wardens

MOTORISTS will be able to park on double yellow lines without fear of getting a parking ticket this Christmas. Traffic wardens have been given the day off on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. It means that drivers will be able to park on double and single yellow lines and in disabled bays if safe to do so.

Help out at the park

PEOPLE can help out at Sywell Country Park at volunteer days held every month. The events take place on the first Saturday of every month from 10am to 4pm. New members are also invited to join the Friends of Sywell Country Park group. Call Northampton 810970 or email sywell@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Number of cases falls

THE number of children aged under two admitted to hospitals in Northamptonshire last year after breaking bones was 19, a freedom of information request shows. There were 23 in 2009-10 and the same again in the previous year.

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Enterprises need votes

PEOPLE are being asked to vote for their favourite local social enterprise out of Goodwill Solutions, Adrenaline Alley, and Coco Careers in a competition run by The University of Northampton in December and January. The winner will receive support from the university's marketing department, to help them promote their social enterprise. People can vote by visiting www.getfestivegetsocial.co.uk

Have you got time?

NEW members are being sought for a Time Bank in Northamptonshire. The Time Bank was set up in partnership with Northamptonshire County Council in February this year and currently has more than 85 individual members and nine local organisations on the scheme who have exchanged more than 300 hours in time. If anybody is interested in joining the Time Bank call Nicola Jones on 07833 479096 or send an email to taketime.tomaketime@nhs.net

Meeting to fight homes

A CAMPAIGN group fighting a housing development in Brixworth has called a meeting for next month. Brixworth Residents Against New Estates (BRANE) are challenging the development of 150 houses, allotments, a children's play area and a new road to the west of Northampton Road and north of Froxhill Crescent. The group will meet on January 5 at the village library. The application will be heard on January 11.

Good grade for nursery

A DAY nursery, based at Northampton College, has been rated "good" after an Ofsted inspection. Representatives visited the nursery, based at the college's Lower Mounts campus, on November 15. A report stated: "The children are making good progress in their learning and development, due to the staff meeting the children's individual needs. The children extend their curiosity and imagination in most areas."

Pete Spencer and Bob Matcham raised £245 to help young Romanians at a concert in Northampton

Four local bands rock for Romania

A ROCK concert in a Northampton pub raised £245 for a charity that helps young people with HIV/Aids in Romania.

Four local bands performed at the evening at The Frog and Fiddler, in Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe, when a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses was also held.

Rock at the Frog was the latest in a series of concerts organised by Kingsthorpe residents Pete Spencer and Bob Matcham, who have raised more than £10,000 for LoveLightRomania in the last three years.

The charity helps orphans, children and young people in Romania.

Mr Spencer, who also performs with Mr Matcham as Krab, said: "It was a wonderful evening. I think due to people having Christmas parties we didn't get quite as many as we hoped for. But we raised £245, which is worth a hell of a lot in Romania."

About 60 people enjoyed performances from bands Krab, Jacksboro Highway, Party in Paris and Backlash.

Four matches in 24 hours for rugby players

A SQUAD of players from the Old Northamptonians rugby club are hoping to raise more than £10,000 for charity by playing four matches in 24 hours against opposition in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England next year.

A 35-strong tour party, plus five support crew, will play Grosvenor RFC in Ireland, Wigtownshire in Scotland, Chester in England and Wrexham in Wales in May to raise funds for the club's recently-formed Benevolent Fund.

The squad of adult players will travel by coach from Northampton to East Midlands Airport, fly to Belfast and play Grosvenor at 3pm on May 5.

The Old Northamptonians squad will then travel by ferry to Scotland where they will play Wigtownshire at 11pm.

A long coach journey will then give the players an opportunity to get some sleep before they play Chester at 9am on May 6 before the tour ends that afternoon in Wrexham.

Andy Thompson, chairman of the benevolent fund, who is organising the trip, said the schedule for the squad was going to be quite "crazy".

He said: "We are hoping to get all members of the squad to play a part in each game but some may get injured. Hopefully we will be able to get some sort of team out to face the Welsh in the last game."

Team captain Richard Blank said: "Obviously the prospect of completing four games in 24 hours, regardless of the opposition, is a tough ask. I think some people are underestimating how hard it will be but maybe it will dawn on us when we take to the pitch for the third and fourth games.

"It will be a great team-building experience and we've got people involved from all areas of the club."

The squad are planning to return to Northampton on May 6 to celebrate playing the four games in 24 hours by holding a party in their clubhouse, attended by up to 200 people.

The Old Northamptonians Benevolent Fund is a registered charity and is used to assist those who require financial assistance to play rugby, such as providing a playing membership, playing or coaching kit and equipment or help with rehabilitation.

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Brian Cullen, of The Cullen Gallery, Louise Carter, of The Buttery, and Rachel Linsley, of The Dress Agency, pictured at Castle Ashby Rural Shopping Yard which has had some of its road signs removed

Trade falls after loss of signage

A GROUP of small businesses in Castle Ashby claims to have lost customers since Northamptonshire County Council took down signs advertising the shopping village.

Signposts directing shoppers to the Castle Ashby Rural Shopping Yard in Northamptonshire were removed by the council last week.

Brian Cullen, who owns the Cullen Gallery in the site, said shopkeepers were given no warning the signs would be removed and since they were taken away business had dropped.

Mr Cullen said the signs had been in place for around 20 years, and added: "Taking the signs down completely isolated all of the shops on the site. I don't understand why the council would do this now and without any warning. It has really affected business, especially over the Christmas period."

Mr Cullen said the signs which were removed included an advertising board on the site, and two signs on the A428 and one sign on Station Road, which all directed people into the site.

A spokesman for Northamptonshire County Council said the signs were returned to the site on Wednesday, and added: "There are strict guidelines about what kind of signs can be erected by the side of roads on highways land. It's important to regulate the number of signs as clearly too many can be very unsightly but also unsafe as visibility can be reduced.

"In this instance a number of unauthorised signs have been taken down as they did not meet regulations. What we've agreed is that some of the signs can be replaced temporarily while ones which apply to regulations are made and installed."

Three country park shops are to close

THE shops at three of Northamptonshire County Council's country parks are set to close next year as part of the authority's budget cuts.

The stores at Sywell, Barnwell and Brixworth country parks will be converted into free to enter un-staffed visitor information centres, with games and activities for families, from April 2012.

The council is also making arrangements for mobile catering concessions to sell refreshments from Sywell country park and Barnwell, near Oundle.

Ahead of the closure, there will be a 40 per cent sale of most items including toys, outdoor clothing and gifts. The sale, which starts today, will last until January 8, although the shops will be closed December 25-27.

Any unsold stock after that date will be sold at Brixworth Country Park, which has the biggest of the three earmarked shops.

£250k for charities

THE Northamptonshire Community Foundation is leading a campaign to raise more than £250,000 for charities and community groups. The Localgiving.com Christmas Match Fund campaign means any donation made through the website from December 14 will receive matching funding from a pot worth £125,000. Visit www.localgiving.com or to sign up call Northampton 230033 or email Anthony@ncf.uk.com

The TV is not always clear

A STUDY into speech intelligibility suggests 380,000 adults in Northamptonshire cannot always hear clearly what is being said on television. The research comprised two studies co-funded by Danish hearing aid manufacturer, Widex, and Channel 4, and the second was undertaken by the BBC. As well as hearing difficulties there were also technical issues with the actual recorded quality of the sound.

Go for gold at museum

AN exhibition called 'Going for Gold' will be held at Northampton's Central Museum next summer to showcase local athletes who have competed in the Olympics and Paralympics. The show will feature the stories of local athletes who have competed for the UK, including Louis Baillon who won the bronze medal for field hockey in the 1908 game. It will run from August 11 until October 5. To share your stories contact Victoria Davies on Northampton 837632 or email vdavies@northampton.gov.uk.

Pupils make a blanket

PUPILS from Greens Norton Primary School presented a pensioner with a quilted blanket made in their Craft Club. Marion Hope, 93, who has lived in the Norton Court retirement scheme since it opened in 1982, received the colourful blanket at a school assembly on what was the anniversary of her husband's death. She said: "He's not here to give me a hug so he sent a blanket instead."

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Cobblers' school visit

COBBLERS stars, including talisman striker Adebayo Akinfenwa, made their annual Christmas visit to local youngsters by popping in to Kings Meadow School in Moulton. The school is attended by primary school age children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties, and after spending some time in the classrooms, the players gave out gifts to the pupils.

Help given to families

PLANS to radically transform the lives of the country's most troubled families have been announced by the government. Indicative numbers of troubled families in each local authority area have also been published based on previous government research, which show an estimated 1,200 families in Northamptonshire.

Badgers are now super

IT was a family affair for one of two young St John Ambulance Badgers, from Moulton, who were presented with top awards at a special ceremony. Alice Randles and Harriet Amos, both nine, were made Super Badgers, the highest award a Badger can achieve. Harriet was presented with her award by her grandfather, Alan Boaden, Commander of St John Ambulance Northamptonshire.

£15k for poppies

THE POPPY appeal stand manned by the Northamptonshire branch of the Royal British Legion at the Weston Favell Shopping Centre reached its highest ever total this year. The charity appeal in November at the centre raised £15,025.

Hairdresser in academy

A HAIRDRESSER has been chosen to take part in a special academy for her craft. Ashleigh Hodges, from Flame Hair Studio in Towcester, has won a place on the Fellowship for British Hairdressing's Fellowship Academy of Merit and Excellence team.

Youngsters attended a kickboxing graduation ceremony in Kingsthorpe at the end of a 13-week course

Kickboxers are top of the class

MORE than 20 children passed kickboxing gradings at the culmination of a three-month course of classes designed to tackle anti-social behaviour in Northampton.

Pc Junior Anderson, from the Northampton North Safer Community Team, set up the scheme in September.

It has proved extremely popular with up to 45 children, between the ages of five and 14, attending on a regular basis.

At the time he said: "The classes provide a fun activity for young members of the community who might not have much else to do on a Friday night."

Northampton mayor, councillor Jamie Lane, attended the graduation ceremony at St David's Church Hall, in Eastern Avenue South, Kingsthorpe.

Chief exec's pay is the fifth lowest

THE chief executive of Northamptonshire Police Authority receives nine per cent of the organisation's total budget of more than £850,000, research has shown.

New figures show that chief executive Debbie Roe was paid a salary of £65,000 and pension payments of £9,964 out of the authority's total annual budget of £858,731 in 2009-10.

However, her salary is the fifth lowest out of all 42 police authorities in England and Wales.

The figures, put together by The Taxpayers' Alliance, also show that allowances for the 17 members totalled £161,000, the lowest amount of any police authority.

Deirdre Newham, chairman of Northamptonshire Police Authority said she defended the salary levels of the chief executive and members.

She said: "I think the levels of pay which our staff receive are some of the cheapest in the country. We have not put up any of our salaries or members' allowances for many years. We always try to keep costs as low as possible.

"We are happy that our chief executive gets paid correctly and does an extremely good job.

"Every year we try to review the costs of the authority and last year we decided not to increase pay at the rate of inflation."

Matthew Sinclair, director of the TaxPayers' Alliance, said he believed the new system of elected police commissioners would help reduce costs of police authorities.

He said: "Police Authority chief executives enjoy generous pay and perks at taxpayers' expense. But despite the cost, police authorities aren't properly accountable to the public who pay for them.

"The introduction of elected police commissioners will ensure that the police are taken to task by elected representatives, and have to respond to the public's priorities, which doesn't always happen under the current system. There will be a cost but that is far better than sticking with the status quo."

Northamptonshire Police Authority has the fifth lowest budget in England and Wales.

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Tom Wood and Jim Mallinder from Northampton Saints at the first handover of equipment to disabled children by Megan's Flutterby Fund

Fund makes first donation

A CHARITY set up to provide specialist equipment for children with life-limiting illnesses has made its first donation.

Megan's Flutterby Fund was set up in memory of Megan Bell, who died in 2009, aged, 11 and was the longest known survivor of the brain disorder hydranencephaly.

Her mother Anna Bell and grandmother Gisela Bell, from Duston, Northampton, launched the charity after recognising the benefit, as well as cost, of specialist equipment and sensory toys.

Last week they were delighted to hand over gifts to two families, joined by Saints players Tom Wood and coach Jim Mallinder at a presentation at Franklin's Gardens, where Megan was once a mascot.

Gayle Arnsby and her husband Ben, from Wootton, collected two specially adapted vests, worth over £100, for their son Alfie, aged three, who has an unamed chromosome disorder, and will give easier access to his feeding tube, reducing the risk of infection.

Gayle, a trainee midwife, said: "Charities like this are a godsend. They provide items which the NHS can't and, with so many other costs, it's a big help to families like us.

Andrew Gruncell, from Wellingborough, collected a moving, musical soft toy, worth £100, which had fitted with a touch pad allowing his four-year-old disabled son Santiago, who has a chromosome abnormality, to activate it with a light touch.

He said: "Many things that are designed for special needs children are very expensive and so not very accessible for many families. This is fantastic for Santi. It will stimulate him and help him to understand cause and effect and it will bring a big smile to his face."

Gisela, who along with her daughter has spent 14 months raising thousands of pounds, said it was "perfect way to round off the year". Visit www.meganflutterbyfund.blogspot.com for more.

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ACTOR Matt Smith has joked that he would like to star in *Doctor Who* "for the next 50 years".

The former Northampton School for Boys pupil, who took over the lead role of the Doctor in 2010, will be at the heart of the BBC's Christmas schedule when the *Doctor Who* Christmas special is shown on Christmas day.

Speaking at a preview of the show this week, he laughed-off speculation that he could soon leave the show, insisting he wanted to retain the role "for 50 years".

Speaking about the recording of the Christmas special, he added: "It was wonderful to make.

"The children in it were marvellous. They're the real heart of the episode and they make it a joy to watch."

The special sees the Doctor and a young family transported into a Narnia-like world populated by mysterious creatures.

Discussing his love of playing the Doctor, Smith said: "What's wonderful about the Doctor is he's lots of different people.

"Because he's very old he can be very grave and have the weight of the world on his shoulders, but he can also be playful like a child.

Matt Smith has spoken of his desire to continue to play the part of Doctor Who ahead of this year's Christmas special

"So I get both of those elements and when you put them together there's a big explosion, which is great."

The preview of the Christmas special was watched by an audience of specially invited MPs, including the chancellor George Osborne, shadow chancellor Ed Balls and former Liberal Democrat leader, Charles Kennedy.

Also in the audience was Daventry's Conservative MP, Chris Heaton-Harris.

He said: "I'm very much a *Doctor Who* geek, so I loved it.

"It was a perfect show for Christmas Day and I'll look forward to watching it again then. It was also nice to hear Matt speaking about the show, he came across as a really nice, pleasant guy with a lovely sense of humour.

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Trading standards officers are warning people about Arctic Ice Vodka, left, and Drop Vodka, below left

OFFICIALS have warned shoppers in Northamptonshire not to buy bottles of 'bargain' vodka which they fear could contain dangerous chemicals.

Some shops in the county have been found selling bottles of 'Arctic Ice Vodka' and 'Drop Vodka'.

The spirits have been previously found to contain harmful chemicals, including chloroform, ispopropyl alcohol, which is found in cleaning fluid, and methanol, which is used in antifreeze.

A spokesman for Northamptonshire County Council's Trading Standards department encouraged both shoppers and shopkeepers to be on the lookout for the drinks.

He said: "The public are encouraged to be vigilant and report any suspicious products to Trading Standards .

"Shops might think they're getting a bargain by buying from a 'man-in-a-van'.

"But not only could they cause great harm to their customers, they could land themselves in court and also have their alcohol licence revoked."

Chemicals which have previously been found in tests of the drinks are highly toxic.

Officers from Trading Standards are now working closely with the police and environmental health officers to identify sellers and stop the supply of the drinks.

In the run-up to Christmas, they are increasing the number of premises they visit and any illegal goods will be seized and court action could follow. Premises could even lose their licenses.

The Trading Standards spokesman added: "Retailers can protect themselves by only buying from reputable suppliers and always getting an invoice which clearly identifies the wholesaler and the products they have bought. The retailer must be able to show where they have obtained their stock."

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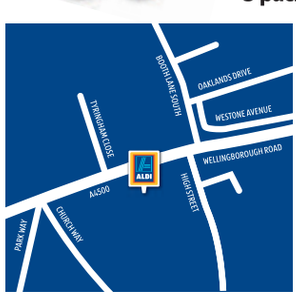

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Ponds dry up after shortage of rainfall in county

Richard Hughes and Dennis Nash at the problem ponds

RESIDENTS suffering from the consequences of stagnant ponds in an area of Northampton have claimed the problem should be addressed by environmental health workers.

But Northampton Borough Council, which runs the environmental health service, has said the situation 'may have to be accepted' as water levels drop in rivers and ponds because of the recent dry weather.

Richard Hughes, from Fishers Close, in Little Billing, said ponds close to Fishponds Road and Manorfield Road, were giving off a nasty smell and neighbours had spotted rats.

He said: "There's something very wrong with the pond. The water in it is stagnant and there's thick mud that's really beginning to smell.

"I'm concerned it's a risk to children who might be tempted to play in the mud.

"Also water rats have been seen in the gardens of houses that back on to the main pond.

"I think it's a health risk that needs to be looked at and I'm also worried that any wildlife in the area will be in danger. It's a real shame because they used to be lovely ponds."

But Councillor John Caswell, (*Con, New Duston*), Northampton Borough Council's cabinet member for the environment, said it was a country-wide problem.

He said: "We have been monitoring the water levels of both ponds for some time. Unfortunately, over the last two years the amount of rainfall across the country has declined leading to the water levels dropping in many ponds, lakes and even reservoirs.

"As there are no fish and the only natural source of water for each pond is rainfall, we must wait for the rains to refill the ponds. Unfortunately, we may have to accept that over the next few years the water level will be lower in ponds and lakes that are not fed by streams or other water sources."

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Tributes are paid to former officer

TRIBUTES have flooded in for a former police licensing officer who was well known across Northampton.

Bernie Burbage (pictured), who also worked as a senior market supervisor, died at Northampton General Hospital, last Saturday, aged 56.

Mr Burbage, from Kingsthorpe, Northampton, joined Northamptonshire Police Force as a patrol sergeant in May 1986, and his career spanned almost 20 years.

The father-of-two, who was married to his wife Geraldine for 31 years, worked in the fraud squad from 1993 to 1994 and was the licensing sergeant from 1996 to 2001 and again from 2004 to 2005.

Roy Woolliscroft, chairman of the Northants Police Federation, said: "Bernie was a much valued colleague and friend who spent most of his police service as a uniform officer serving the public of Northamptonshire.

"Alongside his normal police duties he was also the chairman of the Constables Branch Board of the Police Federation, and following promotion served on the Sergeants Branch Board where he was highly regarded for his experience and knowledge.

"Our thoughts go to his family at this very sad time."

Sergeant Mark Worthington, who replaced Mr Burbage when he retired from his licensing role in June 2005, said: "I worked with him for a number of years and often deputised for him when he was away as acting inspector.

"He was very well respected by the licensing community and worked very closely with them.

"He maintained those links after he retired as well and they often went to him for advice, even after he retired."

Chief Supt Paul Phillips said: "Our thoughts are with Bernie's family and close friends at this time."

Northampton's market traders also paid tribute to their former boss and Eamon Fitzpatrick, who has owned his fruit and vegetable stall for almost 50 years, said: "Without a shadow of a doubt Bernie was a very likeable character and a gentleman.

"I'm very sad to hear the news and offer my condolences to his family."

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Entertainment

Holmes is on the case

THE sleuthing is far from elementary in Guy Ritchie's action-packed sequel to his 2009 reinvention of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional detective.

The dense narrative taxes what Hercule Poirot referred to as the "little grey cells", connecting minuscule clues in Sherlock Holmes's mind through high-speed flashbacks in a style that will be familiar to fans of the TV series CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.

Sinewy plot strands will probably tie younger audiences in knots.

For all its intellectual rigour, A Game Of Shadows often feels like a series of ambitious action set-pieces which have been bolted together by screenwriters Michele Mulroney and Kieran Mulroney.

Explosions and stunts are orchestrated at breakneck speed by Ritchie, whose repeated use of slow-motion bloats the film's cumbersome running time.

Holmes (Robert Downey Jr) has cut a swathe through the criminal fraternity of late 19th century London aided by trusty sidekick Dr John Watson (Jude Law), who is bidding farewell to crime-solving to marry Mary Morstan (Kelly Reilly).

Newspapers are filled with shocking headlines about anarchist bombings in Strasbourg and Vienna, the apparent overdose of a Chinese opium dealer and the death of an American steel magnate.

Holmes deduces these events are linked to Professor James Moriarty (Jared Harris) and the sleuth persuades Watson to join him on one final globe-trotting adventure.

En route, the double-act encounters Gypsy fortune teller Sim (Noomi Rapace) and Holmes's brother Mycroft (Stephen Fry), who is well-connected in the British government.

A bruising battle of wits with Moriarty becomes personal when the diabolical professor promises to make Watson and his new wife suffer for Holmes's meddling.

"When two objects collide, there is always damage of a collateral nature," threatens the scholar, who is protected by a sharp-shooting lackey, Colonel Sebastian Moran (Paul Anderson).

Sherlock Holmes: A Game Of Shadows is a sporadically entertaining jaunt.

Downey Jr and Law ease back into familiar roles as the quixotic genius and his strait-laced foil, Rapace is suitably feisty in her first English-speaking role and Harris chews on every syllable with menacing intent.

Eddie Marsan and Geraldine James reprise their roles as Inspector Lestrade and long-suffering landlady Mrs Hudson respectively, but neither is afforded sufficient screen time to make an impact.

There are some sparkling comic interludes, such as when Sim arranges a horse for Holmes to chase after Moriarty and the sleuth explains that he is averse to four-legged travel because, "They're dangerous at both ends and crafty in the middle."

"Why would I want something bobbing about between my legs with a mind of its own?!" he adds.

Fry is a delight too as pompous, pontificating Mycroft, including a hysterical sequence reminiscent of Austin Powers, which sees Holmes's sibling wander naked about his home, sparing his blushes (and ours) with strategically placed furnishings. Thank heavens for small vases.

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Entertainment

FRIDAY

MUSIC

Northampton: Superfly, The Picturedrome, Kettering Road; adm £5. 01604 230777.
Northampton: The Marz, King Billy, bottom of Bridge Street.
Northampton Christmas disco/karaoke, Lord Byron, Kingsley Park Terrace.
Northampton: Earth Man Sounds, Jessie from Inspirational Radio, The Crispin, Clare Street, 8pm-late.
Northampton: Tony Gee's disco, Spread Eagle, Wellingborough Road.
Northampton: Steve Clarke disco, Devonshire Club, St James Square, 5pm-8pm*.
Northampton: Christmas disco (70/80s), Molly's Bar, Abington Square.

THEATRE

Isham: Looking Glass Theatre presents Jack and the Beanstalk, village hall, 7pm. Box office 07711 540546.
Northampton: Aladdin, Derngate stage, 2pm and 7pm. Box office 01604 624811.
Northampton: Alice in Wonderland, Royal stage, 2.15pm and 7.15pm. Box office 01604 624811.
Wavendon: Pinocchio, The Stables, 2pm and 7pm. Box office 01908 280800.

OTHER

Earls Barton: Santa's Grotto, White's Nurseries, 10am-5pm (and Sat); real reindeer, pets' corner, arts and crafts and much more; £5 child (includes gift), adults £2, family of four £12.
Northampton: Card drive, raffle, buffet, charity event, The Garibaldi, Bailiff Street, 7pm.

SATURDAY CHRISTMAS EVE

MUSIC

Brafield: Michael Knight (vocalist), WMC, Bedford Road (A428); food available.
Kettering: Black Rose, Watercress Harry's Bar.
Northampton: Electric Experience, Malt Shovel, 121 Bridge Street.
Northampton: Pandora's Box, King Billy, bottom of Bridge Street.
Northampton: DJ Emperor Errol, The Rover, Weedon Road, 8.30pm.
Northampton: Matti Fantasi (soft rock band), Foundryman's Arms, St James Road, 9pm-midnight.
Northampton: Disco, Queen's Park WMC, Cranbrook Road.
Northampton: Christmas disco, Thomas a Becket, St James Road, 8pm.
Northampton: Motown and soul disco, Spread Eagle, Wellingborough Road
Northampton: Disco, Molly's Bar, Abington Square.
Northampton: Nelson, British Rail Club, St Andrew's Road.

THEATRE

Harlestone: Jack and the Beanstalk, village institute, 3.30pm. Box office 07711 540546.
Northampton: Alice in Wonderland, Royal stage, 1.15pm and 5.15pm. Box office 01604 624811.
Northampton: Aladdin, Derngate stage, 1pm and 5pm. Box office 01604 624811.
Wavendon: Pinocchio, The Stables, 2pm. Box office 01908 280800.

OTHER

Earls Barton: Santa's Grotto, White's Nurseries, 10am-5pm; many attractions including real reindeer, pets' corner, arts and crafts; child £5 (includes gift), adults £2, family of four £12.
Northampton: Bring a wrapped present with your child's name on and Santa will give it back to your child, The Windmill, Welford Road, Kingsthorpe, 4pm.

BOXING DAY MONDAY

MUSIC

Brackley: Brackley Morris Men at The Blackbird, Croughton, 11am; Market Place, Brackley, midday; The Sun, Whitfield, 1pm.
Brafield: Total Eclipse Disco, WMC, Bedford Road (A428), 11am-5pm.
Northampton: Disco, The Windmill, Welford Road, Kingsthorpe, 3pm.
Northampton: Nightshift, 3pm-7pm, Spread Eagle,Wellingborough Road.
Northampton: 6 Pounder, King Billy, bottom of Bridge Street.
Northampton: Double Top Disco, Foundryman's Arms, St James Road, 7pm-midnight.
Northampton: An Evening with Nuggsy; refreshments, The Garibaldi, Bailiff Street.
Northampton: JJs Boxing Day Party, Lord Byron, Kingsley Park Terrace, 5pm.
Northampton: Gary Beckwith, British Rail Club, St Andrew's Road.

THEATRE

Northampton: Alice in Wonderland, Royal Theatre, 1.15pm and 5.15pm. Box office 01604 624811.
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OTHER

Northampton: Fun day for all the family, Queen's Park WMC, Cranbrook Road.

TUESDAY

MUSIC

Abthorpe: Open mic, the New Inn. 01327 860344.
Northampton: Karaoke, King Billy, bottom of Bridge Street.
Northampton: Nighthawks, jazz, Wig & Pen, St Giles Street, 9pm-11pm; free*.
Northampton: Students' night, Molly's, Abington Square.

THEATRE

Northampton: Alice in Wonderland, Royal stage, 1.15pm and 5.15pm. Box office 01604 624811.
Northampton: Aladdin, Derngate stage, 1pm and 5pm. Box office 01604 624811.
Northampton: Down the Rabbit Hole, Royal & Derngate underground, 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Box office 01604 624811.
Wavendon: Pinocchio, The Stables, 1pm and 5pm. Box office 01908 280800.

OTHER

Boughton: Quiz night, Whyte Melville, 8.30pm*.
Broughton: Music quiz night, Fox and Hounds*.
Earls Barton: Quiz, The Old Swan, 9pm*.
Gretton: Quiz night, the Blue Bell, 8pm. £1pp. 01536 770404*.
Northampton: Quiz, Golden Horse, Southampton Road*.
Northampton: Rob Benedict's pub quiz, White Elephant, near Racecourse, 8.30pm*.
Sywell: Quiz night, The Horseshoe, 8.30pm*.

WEDNESDAY

MUSIC

Northampton: Kingsthorpe Jazz presents Centrepiece featuring Yvonne Evans, King Billy, Kingsthorpe village, 8.30pm.
Northampton: Original bands night, King Billy, bottom of Bridge Street.
Northampton: Simon Honeyboy Hickling and the DTs, Malt Shovel Tavern, 121 Bridge Street. 01604 234212*.

THEATRE

Northampton: Aladdin, Derngate stage, 2pm and 7pm. Box office 01604 624811.
Northampton: Alice in Wonderland, Royal stage, 2.15pm and 7.15pm Box office 01604 624811.
Northampton: Down the Rabbit Hole, Royal & Derngate underground, 11am and 2.30pm. Box office 01604 624811.

OTHER

Northampton: Quiz, Lampligher, Overstone Road, 8.45pm.
Northampton: Quiz, Hart of Duston, Harlestone Road, 8pm*.
Northampton: Quiz, Kingsley Park WMC, Kingsley Park Terrace, 8pm*.

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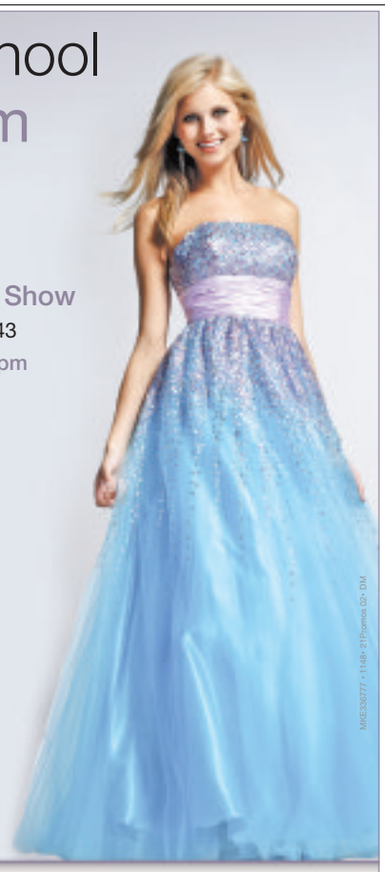

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ROADTEST: Suzuki Swift Sport 1.6 VVT

REVIEW BY IAN DONALDSON

FACTFILE

CAR: Suzuki Swift Sport 1.6 VVT
PRICE: around £14,500 (on sale January)
DRIVETRAIN: 1.6 litre 134bhp petrol engine, 6-speed gearbox
PERFORMANCE: Top speed 121mph 0-62mph 8.7 seconds
ECONOMY: Euro average 44.1mpg CO2 147g/km road tax £130
SIZE: 3890mm long 1695mm wide
SAFETY: EuroNCAP 5 stars
INSURANCE: TBC
WARRANTY: Three years or 60,000 miles

Moving Swiftly on

SUZUKI'S swiftest Swift proved a big hit with youngish owners looking for an affordable (to buy and insure) warm hatch.

So little wonder the new Sport model, on sale in January, is more a step forward than a leap into the automotive unknown, with more of what's good and a bit less of what isn't.

In the good column are power and economy, both boosted by a gentle reworking of the existing engine and the addition of a sixth gear to make long motorway drags a bit less of a... drag.

There's also been a bit more space added to the length of the new Swift Sport for a slightly roomier interior (still only a four seater, though) and the addition of cruise control and keyless entry – leave the key in your pocket and the car still knows you're about. Like the old car, metallic paint is standard at no extra cost (tell that to Audi!).

So to the not so good; this welcome tinkering with an already successful formula has brought a price increase that's rather more than a gentle uplift.

The old Sport cost £12,995 (they're all sold, by the way), so the predicted £14,500 of the new model looks as though the Suzuki price setters knew they had an in-demand model on their hands and priced it accordingly.

It's still not overpriced, though, when you consider the reworking you'll find in the little hatchback, designed in Japan, tested on some awkward Yorkshire roads as part of its European acclimatisation and built in Hungary in a plant that this summer built its two millionth vehicle.

The last Sport model was hard to pick out from its cheaper, slower siblings. The newcomer is less shy about boasting of its sporting prowess, with a bolder front grille, finned fog lamps housings, side body mouldings and a spoiler above the rear window. Multispoked alloy wheels fill the wheelarches in muscular fashion.

Inside, the changes from non-Sport versions is subtle, with more firmly bolstered front seats about the only obvious change. Not that there's much wrong with the cabin anyway, with room in the rear for two adults and a dashboard that's simple (a good thing) and easy to read.

In slightly pearly white paint the Swift Sport looks every centimetre the sporty hatch it's intended to be, with blacked out rear side windows adding a touch of Mafia menace. It looks perfectly pitched at the early-30s and mostly male buyers who Suzuki thinks will fall for the car.

They'll appreciate the care Suzuki's engineers have taken over making it feel sporty on the road, with a lot of work to make the suspension and steering feel sharper without turning the car into a racetrack refugee.

Like other sporty numbers from Japan (think Honda in particular) the Swift Sport's engine needs to be worked hard for maximum attack.

Indeed, change gear at what sounds the right time and you'll miss its verve. This is a car that rewards effort from its driver, who won't mind swapping gears in a box that feels crisp and positive.

It may be small but there's a proper bigger car feel to the whole machine, a sure sign that painstaking development has followed every change.

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Congratulations on the birth of Zach 8.12.2011. Brother for Lille and a Grandson for Marilyn & Dudley

Births

RILEY

Martin and Barbara are delighted to announce the arrival of their third precious Grandchild
Charlie John
8lbs 3oz.
A Son for Kieran and Beth, Brother for Shay Joseph.

RILEY
Paul and Sarah (nee Franklin) are happy to announce the safe arrival of
Harriet Elizabeth Lucy
on 17th December 2011 in New Zealand.
A welcome sister for Madelaine and Beatrice.

Congratulations from both families in Desborough and Brixworth

Birthdays

Martyn
Happy Birthday
To my Hero.
Martyn, hope you have a lovely day, and a great year.
We love you with all our hearts.
Catherine, Emma and Josh.
xxx<3xxx

18th Birthday

ELLIS MARSH
Happy 18th Birthday
Lots of Love
Mum, Dad, Jon and Hayley.

100th Birthday

Celebrate!

Betty Bracken

Congratulations on your 100th Birthday.

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xxx

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From Brenda and Bryan

x x x

Wedding Anniversaries

Wayne Boudiere

My darling Husband
"It must be love".
Happy 1st Anniversary.

Love always, your Sarah
x

Obituaries

BIRD — Rene
God came and stood beside you an Angel by his side. He said the time had come for peace and gently closed your eyes. R.I.P. Edna and Carl.

BURBAGE — Bernie
Our deepest sympathy to all the family. Thanks for the good times Bern. Love all your friends at The Windmill.

Obituaries

BURBAGE — Bernie
Thanks for the memories of those younger years Bernie. Will be sadly missed.
Fitzy and Chris

BURBAGE — Bernie
Heartfelt sympathy to Gerry, Kate and Lucy. Brother John and all the family. From Carmel, Brian, Nathan, Marcus, Matthew and Edward.

BURBAGE — Bernie.
A dear friend who will be sadly missed and never forgotten. Our deepest sympathies are with Geraldine, Kate, Lucy, John, and family at this very sad time. With all our love Gary, Viv and family. x

BURBAGE — Bernie
passed away suddenly on 10th December 2011. A true friend and gentleman, will be sadly missed. Our condolences go out to all the family. Rest in peace from all at Raybell and Sons Surfacing Limited.

BURBAGE
Bernie

Deepest sympathy to Geraldine, Kate, Lucy, John and families on their sad loss.
Eugene, Bernie and family.

Rest In Peace.

Obituaries

BURBAGE
Bernie
Taken from us suddenly on 10/12/2011 at NGH.
Beloved Husband for 31 years but my best friend for over 35 years.
You will never be forgotten.
I will love you forever.
Geraldine
xxxx

BURBAGE
Bernie
Dearly loved Dad and Father-in-law, you will be missed so much. You will forever be in our memories. Love you always Kate and Mark
xxxx
Dad, I will love you always and miss you forever. Words cannot describe the pain and sadness felt. You will be missed by so many. I am so proud to call you my Dad. Love you always, sleep tight.
Lucy and Andy
xxxx

BURBAGE
Bernie

Passed away at Northampton General Hospital on 10th December 2011 aged 56 years

Will be always remembered for his kindness, guidance, company and laughter

Now reunited with our Mum Kay and Dad Ben
Will be sadly missed but never forgotten
x
My beloved Brother who always sheltered me
x
A much loved Brother-in-law with a wonderful sense of humour
x
A fun and tickly Uncle who always made me giggly
Nite nite Uncle Bernie
x
The happy hours we once enjoyed
How sweet their memory still
But death has left a vacant place
This world can never fill
x
May you rest in peace with love and happy memories
God bless
John, Lucy and Shannon
x x x

BURBAGE
Bernie
Treasured memories of childhood and growing up together.
Really shocked and saddened at your sudden passing

Love Dave Anna Joseph and Lauren

Obituaries

COLEMAN —
Leon. God Bless you Leon. What a true gentleman, was an honour to be your friend, never forget you mate. From Chris, Sandra, Christian and Christina.

COLEMAN
Leon
The most perfect, kindest gentleman and true social butterfly, who touched more hearts than any other person we know.

We cannot believe we will never again hear you shouting,
I've got the power!!!!!

We will always keep smiling in your memory Leon.

Love you mate
Andy, Deana and family
xxxx

COLEMAN
Leon
My dearest Brother and Best Friend.
I know you left us feeling loved but you were just a little too tired.
Not sure how I will ever get over this but know you would not want any of us to be too sad.
You are the most amazing person
I have ever known and touched so many hearts.
Keep smiling
Beautiful Brother.
Blaise.

COLEMAN
Leon
Dearest Cuz, will miss your beautiful Irish eyes smiling and the big hugs.
None of us were ready to say goodbye to you.
There is a light that never goes out.

All of our love
Kerrie, David and Noah
x x x.

Obituaries

COLEMAN
Leon

39 years old.
Wonderful Grandson of Nora and the late Jack.
Look after him for me Jack.
God Bless Darling.
R.I.P. x

COLEMAN
My beautiful caring Leon has gone and my heart is breaking.
Dad, take care of him for me,
he was so like you, and I love him so, so much.
Aunt Kath and Uncle Loraine.
xx

COLEMAN
To our gorgeous Leon.
You'll always be our charming man.
Love you Alberts.
Your Smith Sisters.
xxx

COLEMAN
Leon
Such a lovely guy, will be sadly missed by your friends Marie, Frank, James and Jordan.

FENTON
Roger
The funniest person we ever knew
So many happy memories
Gone too soon but always loved
in our hearts forever
Love Gill & Bill

FENTON
Roger

Passed away peacefully
15th December 2011

Dearest Dad of Paul
Beloved Grandad to Jack & Abbie.
Friend to Julie
My beloved Dad and best Friend
You left us feeling loved you were just too tired to stay
Not sure how we will ever get over losing you
Forever in our hearts

The Requiem Mass and Funeral Service will be held at St Patricks Church on Thursday 22nd December 2011 at 11.45
Followed by Interment at Duston Cemetery
Floral tributes to Abington Funeral Services, 170 Wellingborough Rd Northampton NN1 4DU

Obituaries

FENTON — Roger
Passed away peacefully on December 15th 2011 after a long illness. Brother to Michael and Brother-in-law to Judith, Uncle and Great Uncle, May he rest in peace.

GROSS — Gordon.
Loving Pap. Passed away peacefully on 7th December. Thank you for the memories we now cherish. Love Lian and Graham.

JONES
Joyce

Dearest Nan,
I am very happy you are now free and going to look after Leon.
You are a wonderful person who has taught us a great deal.
All our love.
Leon and Blaise.

VATCHER
Jean
(nee Knatt)

Quietly passed away on Monday 12th December 2011.

Much loved Wife of Frank.
Much loved Mother of Julie, Sue and Dave, will be sadly missed by all of the family and friends.

Donations to Dorset Air Ambulance.
Funeral to be held at Yeovil Crematorium at 12 noon on Thursday 22nd December 2011.

KOVACS
Carmela

Passed away at Northampton General Hospital on 11th December 2011, aged 77 years.

A loving Wife of Lajos, a devoted Mother of Stephen and Mary.
'Will be sadly missed'.

The Funeral Service will take place on Friday 23rd December 2011 at St.Gregory The Great Roman Catholic Church at 10.30am.

Followed by a service of commital in the County's Crematorium, Milton Malsor.

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MANKTELOW —
Maura Very dear friend of Liz and Seamus, sadly missed .God Bless R.I.P condolences to all the family

BURBAGE
Bernie

A good friend and a lovely man.
Deepest sympathy to Geraldine, Kate, Lucy, John, Lucy & Shannon.
God bless Bernie
love the McManus Family
x

Obituaries

PERRIN —
Ken. Dearly loved Brother of June, Uncle of Christine, Colin, Lee and the late Lesley. "One of the best".

ROE
Pat

Art group will never be the same, we all love and miss your smile.

ROE
Pat

My lovely friend.
I miss you.
Jenny
x

Acknowledgements

ADAMS — Molly.
Husband Arthur and Daughter Jane would like to thank family, neighbours and friends for the messages of sympathy received. Also thanks to those who attended the funeral service. A special word of thanks for HDU & ITU Staff at NGH. Greatful thanks to Reverend French for a lovely service and Christopher Botterill (Hollowells) for the care and attention received. Thanks also for all flowers and donations so kindly given.

DEXTER

The family of the late Sheila Mary Dexter wish to thank everyone for the kind messages, cards and letters of sympathy received. Thanks also to all who attended the funeral service. Please accept this as the only intimation.

DICKS — Mary.
Sandra and Dave would like to thank all family and friends for the many cards, flowers and messages which were much appreciated. Special thanks to Father Phillip and all at Saint Patrick's Church, Duston for the lovely service. Also thanks to everyone at S E Wilkinson for their help and support.

LEONARD — The family of the late Tommy Leonard would like to thank all family and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and for all who gave donations to Cynthia Spencer Hospice. Special thanks to Father Floody and Kevin Matthews for their help and support.

Acknowledgements

MULLALLY

The family of the late Anna Mullally would like to thank all family and friends for their kind messages of sympathy, also Father Floody and Kevin Matthews for their support.

In Memoriam

BAMFORD
Robin(Bob)

Passed away one year ago today. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our hearts.
Sister - Margaret, Steve and Family
x

BAMPKIN — Tony 19th Dec 1987. Beloved Son taken tragically. Thinking of you today as we always do. Never forgotten. R.I.P Mum and Dad.

BEECH
Christine Sheila

In loving memory of my dearly loved Mum who passed away one year ago today.

If only I could turn back time just to say goodbye.
Forever in our thoughts and always in our hearts.
An empty space no one can fill.
Miss you Mum and always will.

Stephen,
Wendy
and Scot
xxx.

In Memoriam

BLAND & CROSS — Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday, missing you is something that will never go away. Mum and Steve. x x

BROOKES
Jackie

15/12/10

In loving memory of our amazing Mum

One year has passed and you're forever in our thoughts

We miss you x x

Lucy & Chris and Emily, Steve, Lily & Isabella

BURDETT
Peter William

Passed away 22nd December 2010.

In loving memory of my dear Husband.
I'll hold you close within my heart and there you will remain. To walk with me throughout my life until we meet again.
God Bless Pete
Ann
xx

Dad.
Treasured Dad of Steve and Dawn.
Adored Grandad of Benjamin and Thomas.
So many special memories, missed everyday.
Love Steve
xx

BURDETT
Peter William

22.12.2010.

Dad, can't believe it has been a year, since you left us. Thinking of you everyday. Wishing you were still here to have a bit of banter with us. Keep looking down on all of us.

All our love always
Paul & Mel
xx xx

In Memoriam

BURDETT
Peter

Missing you and our chats Mate. R.I.P.
D.Y & Family.

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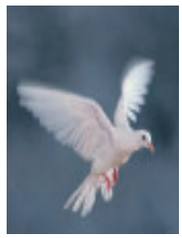

FITZHUGH
Michael

15.12.2009.

Dad and Pap.
Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day.
Miss you loads.
Kim, Gary, Darren, Marc, Sharon and Grandchildren.
x x x

In Memoriam

FITZHUGH
Michael

Passed away 15th December 2009.

Sadly missed along life's way. No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts he's always there.

God Bless you Micky.

From your loving Mum & Dad, Sister Linda and family, Brother Geoff, Sister-in-law Janet and family.

x x x

GALLIMORE
Don

Don passed away one year ago today
I lost my best friend & life's companion when God called you home
No one sees the heartache that hides behind my smile
Day by day, I think of you Don as I go through life without you
Our home is lonely & I am lonely too
Thank you for those precious years we shared together
Our love for each other was so complete
I will never lose that memory
My love always
Barbara
You will be in our hearts always
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your birthday
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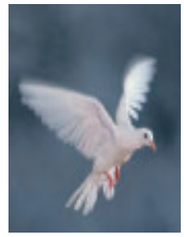

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HARRISON
Roy

Passed away 20.12.2010.
Dearest Dad.
Each day we think about you, and realise you have gone.
We can't explain the emptiness that life has now become.
They say that time's a healer, but we are not too sure, for every time we think of you, we miss you more and more.
Steve, Sally, Dan and Lee.
xxx

HARRISON — Roy Dad, Can't believe it's been a year. We all wish you were still here, love you always, Jaqui and Suzanne xxxx

HOLLAND
Reg

Passed away December 18th 2010.

No one sees a broken heart, that hides behind a smile.
No one knows the emptiness, that's with me all the while.
Your smile has gone forever, your hand I cannot touch.
But I will never lose the memory of the one I love so much.

Your loving Wife
Clara and Family xx

MASON
Rose
Passed away 22/12/10. Missing you, loving you everyday after 67 years together. From your Husband Ron.
XXX
Our Mum. Missing you all the time.
Love from Spud(Ron), Alan, & Twins Janice & Carol(U.S.A)
XXX

In Memoriam

REDMOND
Bill

In loving memory of a dear Husband, Father and Grandfather. Along the road to yesterday, that leads us straight to you, are memories of happy days together we once knew. As we look upon your photos, sweet memories we recall of a face so full of sunshine and a smile for one and all.
Sadly missed by all your family.

Cindy
THOMPSON

No one sees a broken heart that hides behind a smile.
No one knows the emptiness that's with me all the while.
Your smile is gone forever,
Your hand I cannot touch.
But I will never lose the memory of the one I love so much.
Your Husband Peter and Family.

WARNER
Rita

Passed away 17th December 2010.

Love and miss you so much, God Bless you always.

From Graham, Pam, Gayle, Tom, Tommie Gene, Patsy Leigh, Stevie and Debbie x

Birthday Memories

ABBOTT & ADEY

14th and 15th December.

Loving Memories of Mum and Sister Margaret. Not just today, but every day.

Love and miss you both. God Bless.

Tony.

HOBSON
Charles Owen

Born 20th December 1911, Potterspury. Northants Died 20th August 1990, Sidmouth, Devon.

100th Birthday memories of a wonderful Husband, Dad, Father in Law and Grandpa and our times together especially in Duston and Newton Poppleford.

Always in our hearts Vivien, Barry, Tony, Claire, Colin, Juliet and Matt.

REYNOLDS

Jamie Douglas

19th December.

Thinking of you my Son on your Birthday.

We love and miss you.

Your loving Mum and Brother Darren

xx

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CLOSING DOWN HIS MAN - John Johnson on the defensive as Sam Walker looks on during the Cobblers' 2-0 defeat at Oxford United
PICTURE: KIRSTY EDMONDS

Lawes to stay at Saints until 2015

COURTNEY LAWES has signed a new deal with Saints that will keep him at Franklin's Gardens until at least 2015.

The news comes as a big boost to boss Jim Mallinder, who this week also secured the signatures of Jamie Elliott, Mike Haywood and Ben Nutley.

The talented trio of Senior Academy graduates have played an increasing part for Saints this season and been rewarded with two-year first-team deals.

But it is the contract renewal of Lawes that will put the biggest smile on Mallinder's face as he aims to hold on to his England stars.

The 22-year-old has made 86 appearances for Saints, scoring 10 points in the process, and has enjoyed a meteoric rise since making his Northampton debut in 2007.

He has not only established himself as a regular for Saints but also for England, winning 13 caps for the Red Rose.

Lawes travelled to this year's World Cup in England and though his tournament was blighted by a ban, he remains a key member of the international squad.

Lawes says that he had no hesitation in signing the new deal and that he believes that the best is yet to come.

"It means a lot to sign a new contract with the Saints because I've grown up around here," he said.

"It's good to sign on again and see myself with a future at the club. I enjoy playing here and working with the coaches and want to stay here for as long as I can.

"I think I've improved a lot as a player in recent years, which has all come from playing here and being coached here. The coaches keep us grounded off the field and I've still got a lot to learn from them on the field."

Director of rugby Jim Mallinder said that the three-year deal was a massive statement of intent by both Lawes as a player and Saints as a club.

"Securing the signatures of players like Courtney for three years is very important for us as we look to make the next step up as a club," he said.

"We have been at the right end of the Aviva Premiership table and playing in the later stages of cup competitions in the past few years, but we want to be in the mix for the major pieces of silverware every year and to do that we need top players at Franklin's Gardens."

NEW DEAL – Courtney Lawes has signed until 2015

Holt in patience plea to Town fans

ANDY HOLT has issued a plea for the Cobblers supporters to be patient as the side gets accustomed to life under new manager Aidy Boothroyd.

But the defender has stressed the importance of the two home games Town play between now and the end of the year and believes the fans will have a big part to play in both.

Northampton's next fixture is against Burton Albion at Sixfields on Boxing Day and is the first of a run of three games in the npower League Two play-off places.

A Cobblers victory in the festive fixture would end a winless run that stretches back more than two-and-a-half months.

Not since the 2-1 win at Barnet on October 1 has this squad tasted victory and they were beaten last time out, losing 2-0 at Oxford United on Saturday.

That long sequence has left the side just three points off the bottom two and, although the next three games are against tough opposition, Holt is confident the team can soon correct their poor form.

"The gaffer has come in and been brilliant, we know what we're doing and it's all been very organised but we know it's not going to change overnight," said Holt, who has lined up at left-back in Aidy Boothroyd's first two games in charge.

"We're in a very low position that we need to get out of but I'm convinced that if we keep playing as we have been playing in the past two games then we won't have a problem doing that.

"When you're near the bottom every team is above you and sometimes it's just as hard to play the teams that are around you and fighting for their lives.

"We need to focus on the fact we've got two home games coming up and be right up for the Boxing Day game.

"We need the crowd behind us and make sure we have a good week on the training ground, getting used to the new shape and the way we're playing."

Meanwhile, the club have advised supporters that they are currently unable to print out tickets for forthcoming matches.

Any supporters who have purchased tickets for forthcoming games will have the tickets left to be collected on the day of the relevant game until the problem has been resolved.

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